# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TEXTILES
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:788
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JUTE PRODUCTION IN BENGAL
MAHBOOB ZAHEDI

**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the jute mill owners in West Bengal have decided to cut down the production by 15 -18% by December, 2002;

(b) whether this is the effect of the notification issued by the Union Textiles Ministry diluting the Mandatory Jute Packaging Order;

(c) whether it is a fact that consequent upon issuance of the dilution in Mandatory Jute Packaging Order, the jute industry is facing an acute crisis, thereby laying off thousands of workers;

(d) whether this Order created an adverse situation for the jute growers; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to safeguard the interest of the jute industry?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & ( d) No Sir.

(e) The Jute Corporation of India Ltd. (JCI) is the Official Agency which undertakes Support Price operation for purchase from the jute growers and to serve as stablising Agency in the jute sector. JCI is the nodal agency to buy whatever quantity of jute is offered at support rates by the growers without any quantitative limitation. In order to modernize the jute industry, the Government provides financial assistance under the Technology Upgradation Fund Schemes (TUFS).The Government also proposes to launch Jute Technology Mission (JTM) for the development of jute industry.